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STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

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Morbidity Reports—Venereal Diseases. (Act Mar. 29, 1913.)

SECTION 1. *Contagious diseases defined.*—That syphilis and gonorrhea are hereby declared contagious and infectious and shall be reported as contagious diseases to the local board of health.

SEC. 2. *Physicians' duty to report—Record—Name not disclosed.*—From and after the 1st day of January, A. D. 1914, it shall be the duty of every physician and surgeon practicing within the State of Iowa to report to the local board of health, within 24 hours, every case of syphilis or gonorrhea coming to his knowledge, and shall make and preserve a record of every such case so reported, numbering each case consecutively. He shall require the person to state whether or not he has been previously reported to a local board of health in this State, and if so, when, where, by whom, and under what number. The report shall state the sex of the person and the age as nearly as practicable, together with the character of the disease and the probable source of infection, and whether previously reported or not, and if so, when, where, by whom, and under what number, but shall not disclose the name of the infected person.

SEC. 3. *Failure to report—Penalty.*—Any physician or surgeon who shall be called upon to treat professionally anyone afflicted with syphilis or gonorrhea who shall fail to report the same to the local board of health within 24 hours shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100 or imprisonment in the county jail not more than 30 days. And in addition thereto the State board of health may revoke his license or certificate to practice medicine, surgery, and obstetrics in the State of Iowa.

SEC. 4. *Transmission—Penalty.*—Any person afflicted with either of these diseases who shall knowingly transmit or assume the risk of transmitting the same by intercourse to another person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof be fined in the sum of not to exceed \$500 or imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed one year, or both such fine and imprisonment. And in addition thereto shall be liable to the party injured in damages to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 5. *Acts in conflict repealed.*—All acts or parts of acts in conflict with any of the foregoing sections are hereby repealed.

NEW YORK.

Industrial Diseases—Notification of Cases. (Chap. 145, Act Mar. 28, 1913.)

SEC. 65. *Industrial poisonings to be reported.*—1. Every medical practitioner attending on or called in to visit a patient whom he believes to be suffering from poisoning from lead, phosphorus, arsenic, brass, wood alcohol, mercury, or their compounds, or from anthrax, or from compressed-air illness, contracted as the result of the nature of the patient's employment, shall send to the commissioner of labor a notice stating the name and full postal address and place of employment of the patient and the disease from which, in the opinion of the medical practitioner, the patient is suffering, with such other and further information as may be required by the said commissioner.